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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A follower for a continuously controlled window lifter, the follower ~~which is mounted~~ on a guide plate fixed in a motor vehicle and ~~[[is]]~~ being displaceable along an adjusting path formed by a guide way in the guide plate, the follower comprising:

~~comprising~~ at least a first guide element ~~which is mounted~~ displaceable on a first side of the guide plate~~[[, and]]~~;

at least a second guide element ~~which is mounted~~ displaceable on a second side of the guide plate~~[[,]]~~;

wherein the second guide element is held in an assembly position relative to at least one of the first guide element and another element of the follower through associated engagement regions~~[[,]]~~ and;

wherein at least for assembly, the first guide element and the second guide element are movably mounted relative to each other so that at least the second guide element can be brought from the assembly position into a functioning position on the guide way of the guide plate.

2. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein the engagement regions ~~are designed as~~ comprise a releasable positive locking connection for a secure hold of the second guide element in the assembly position.

3. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein the engagement regions ~~are formed as~~ comprise a releasable force locking connection for a secure hold of the second guide element in the assembly position.

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4. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein the engagement regions ~~are formed as~~comprise a rupturable region for a secure hold of the second guide element in the assembly position.
5. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein ~~for movable bearing the~~ first guide element and the second guide element are rotatably mounted relative to each other.
6. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein ~~for movable bearing the~~ first guide element and the second guide element are mounted displaceable relative to each other.
7. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein in the functioning position, the first guide element and the second guide element are fixed relative to each other through at least one of a ~~further~~ positive locking and a force locking connection.
8. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 7 wherein a locking element is provided for locking the first guide element and the second guide element relative to each other ~~in the fixing of the functioning position.~~
9. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 wherein the second guide element ~~has as a positive locking engagement region~~ comprises a detent element configured to provide positive locking of the first guide element and the second guide element relative to each other; ~~more particularly a detent nose or a detent groove.~~
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 1 for a continuously controlled window lifter, the follower mounted on a guide plate fixed in a motor vehicle and being displaceable along an adjusting path formed by a guide way in the guide plate, the follower comprising:

at least a first guide element mounted displaceable on a first side of the guide plate;

at least a second guide element mounted displaceable on a second side of the guide plate;

wherein the second guide element is held in an assembly position relative to at least one of the first guide element and another element of the follower through associated engagement regions;

wherein at least for assembly, the first guide element and the second guide element are movably mounted relative to each other so that at least the second guide element can be brought from the assembly position into a functioning position on the guide way of the guide plate; and

wherein the second guide element is mounted rotatable on any one of the first guide element ~~[[or]]~~and on a stepped bolt of the follower.

14. (Currently Amended) A guide plate for a continuously controlled window lifter in a motor vehicle comprising:

a guide way for guiding a follower of the window lifter and for adjusting the follower along an adjusting path ~~which is~~ formed by the guide way~~[[,]]~~; and

a guide web of the guide way for guiding the follower in the plane of the guide way along the adjusting path~~[[,]]~~;

wherein the height of the guide web of the guide way is reduced in a region for assembling the follower.

15. (Currently Amended) A guide plate according to claim 14 wherein the guide way has track faces, each track face associated with at least one guide element of the follower on either side of the guide plate and on the guide web, and the guide plate has an opening in the guide way

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along the adjusting path through which the follower can be fitted into the region for assembling the follower of the assembly.

16. (Withdrawn) A guide plate for a continuously controlled window lifter of a motor vehicle comprising:

a guide way for guiding a follower of window lifter and for adjusting the follower along an adjusting path formed by the guide way,

wherein the guide way has web faces which are each associated with at least one guide element of the follower on either side of the guide plate,

wherein the guide way has an opening in the guide plate which is engaged by the follower,

and

wherein in an extension of the guide way in the guide plate there is a region for fitting the follower, and the opening is widened out in this region to enable the follower to be pushed onto the guide way for assembly.

17. (Withdrawn) A follower for a continuously controlled window lifter which is mounted on a guide plate fixed in a motor vehicle and is displaceable along an adjusting path formed through a guide way,

wherein at least a first guide element is mounted to slide on a first side of the guide plate, at least a second guide element is mounted to slide on the second side of the guide plate, and a third guide element whose width extends between two guide webs of the guide way,

wherein the width of the third guide element can be adjusted by an expanding element or by a mechanism adjusting the width of the third guide element to the distance between the two guide webs.

18. (Currently amended) A continuously controlled window lifter comprising:

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a follower ~~for a continuously controlled window lifter which is~~ mounted on a guide plate fixed in a motor vehicle and is displaceable along an adjusting path formed by a guide way[[,]];

wherein at least a first guide element which is mounted displaceable on a first side of the guide plate, and at least a second guide element which is mounted displaceable on a second side of the guide plate[[,]];

wherein the second guide element is held in an assembly position relative to at least one of the first guide element and another element of the follower through associated engagement regions[[,]];

wherein at least for assembly the first guide element and the second guide element are movably mounted relative to each other so that at least the second guide element can be brought from the assembly position into a functioning position on the guide way of the guide plate[[,]];

wherein the guide way guides the follower of the window lifter and adjusts the follower along ~~[[an]]the adjusting path which is formed by the guide way;~~

wherein a guide web of the guide way guides the follower in the plane of the guide way along the adjusting path[[,]];

wherein the height of the guide web of the guide way is reduced in a region for assembling the follower[[,]]; and

wherein the follower can be driven along the guide way by ~~means of one of~~ a cable [[or]] and a Bowden cable.

19. (Currently Amended) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 18 wherein the second guide element is able to at least one of swivel [[or]]and rotate into an assembly position in which the second guide element can be brought through an opening in the guide plate associated with the guide way at the first side of the guide plate to the second side of the guide plate.

20. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter for a motor vehicle comprising:

a follower which is connected to a window pane and can be driven by means of a drive mechanism for adjusting the window pane, and

a guide way for adjusting the follower along an adjusting path formed by the guide way and for guiding the follower in a first guide direction substantially perpendicular to an adjusting direction of an adjusting path section and for guiding the follower in a second guide direction substantially perpendicular to the adjusting direction of the adjusting path section in which the first guide direction forms a variable angle over the adjusting path relative to the second guide direction,

wherein the guide way has an opening in a plate of the window lifter through which the follower is passed and the guide way has web faces which are associated with guide elements of the follower for guidance on either side of the plate,

wherein the follower has at least a first guide element for guidance in the first guide direction and a second guide element for guidance in the second guide direction, and

wherein at least one of the guide elements and other elements of the follower have a bearing by means of which the first guide element and second guide element are movably mounted relative to each other.

21. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element and the second guide element are mounted to swivel relative to each other by means of a swivel bearing.

22. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20, wherein the first guide element is mounted on a ball joint and the ball joint is designed integral with the second guide element.

23. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element is mounted on a domed bearing of the second guide element.

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24. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element is mounted on a tilting joint of the second guide element.
25. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element is mounted tilted on a stepped bolt of the follower which engages through the opening in the guide plate.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Currently Amended) A follower according to claim 6 wherein the first guide element and second guide element are displaceable ~~in translation~~ relative to each other.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Previously presented) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element and second guide are movably mounted in dependence on the variable angle.
30. (Withdrawn) A continuously controlled window lifter according to claim 20 wherein the first guide element and the second guide element are mounted to rotate relative to each other by means of a rotational bearing.
31. (New) A follower according to claim 9, wherein the detent element comprises one of a detent nose and a detent groove.